

W. C. T. U. Column.

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W. C. T. U. WATCHWORDS:
ORGANIZE! EDUCATE! AGITATE!

W. C. T. U. PRINCIPLES:
Total Abstinence: Prohibition of the Liquor Traffic; One Standard of Morals for Men and Women; Home Protection; Equal Suffrage; and the Teaching of Scientific Temperance in Public Schools.

The Thirty-Fourth Annual Convention of the National W. C. T. U. was in session at Nashville, Tenn. from Nov. 8 to 13, 1907.

No doubt it was a memorable gathering. The casual reader of its happenings and proceedings generally, caught the inspiration and experienced something of the enthusiasm which even the printed page was destined to convey. The benefit derived from actual contact with the deliberations of this convention will be permanent, and the effect will be observed in every part of our Nation. Had we the space, some of the scholarly addresses could be presented here. All hail the noble work of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union!

Chief Point of Attack in Next Congress.

That liquor interests are fully aware of the importance to the temperance cause of the Littlefield-Dolliver bill, is indicated by an editorial under the above title in a prominent liquor paper, *Mide's Criticism*. We quote the editorial entire. May Congress and the temperance forces more than come up to the expectations of the liquor men!

"The approaching session of Congress promises to be a memorable one in the history of the struggle between the opposing forces that face each other on the liquor question. Taking advantage of the tidal wave for local option and prohibition in the South and other portions of the country, and with four states under complete prohibition and twenty-one under local option, the Anti-Saloon League and its allied forces are preparing to wage a hot fight before Congress next winter for a revision of the federal laws on the subject of the liquor trade.

"The chief point of attack will be to deprive liquor of the right to interstate commerce by the passage of the Littlefield bill or one similar to it.

"Around this question the fighting will take place and it behooves the liquor interest to concentrate all its forces to guard this essential privilege. Nothing short of a united effort of all the bodies interested can save the situation, as we are faced by an opposition flushed with recent triumphs and behind them the local influences which serve to determine the votes of Congressmen. The struggle has been going on for several years, and although the liquor forces have been able to keep them from a vote on the floor in the senate, the movement to force a vote has been steadily acquiring momentum, so that now vigilance is doubly necessary.

"The vital point is now to guard and conserve the right to interstate commerce for liquors as for any other legitimate commodity. Other questions there are to solve, but none so vital and so essential to our interest as this.—*Union Signal*.

"God Bless the Women!"

Walter Duncan in the Columbus, Ga., Ledger. I am not a preacher. But even a sinner may from afar admire the beautiful cause of temperance, bare his head and open his heart to make room where may be cherished that spirit so noble that brings together such a gathering as that of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union in Columbus today. They are noble women. They know, as you and I know, that the greatest curse of this grand old state, which leaves its ever lengthening trail across the hills and valleys, uplands and lowlands, breaking human hearts and tearing down God's most perfect handiwork, sinking amid the depth of shame and degradation the mortal wrecks of character, is the habit of drink.

Out of place is it, as some argue mistakenly, for our wives and mothers and sisters to take up arms against the demon drink? Bless you, there is no patriotism more worthy, no loyalty more laudable than the patriotic spirit and the loyalty to one's own fire-side that impels these blessed women to protect the home, their individual homes, their neighbors' homes and the American home from invasion worse in effect than raids made by armed men who act in heat of passion.

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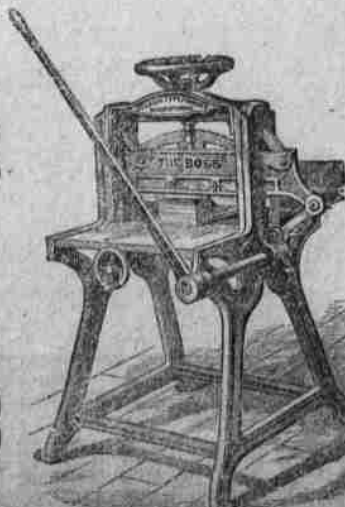
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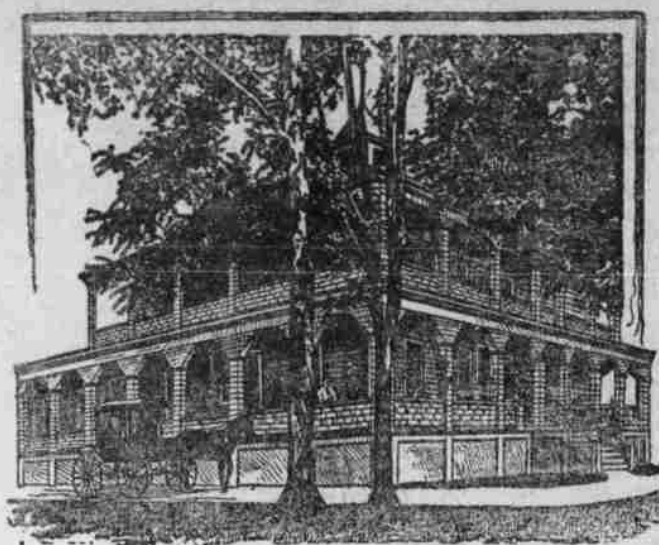
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